WO-84 Peninsula Bank Berlin Private

The Peninsula Bank of Berlin, built in 1902 as the Exchange and Savings Bank, is one of a small collection of similar turn of the century bank buildings erected in Berlin, Snow Hill, and a few other Worcester County villages. Oriented to face the principal intersection of South Main and Bay streets, the front entrance is accented by a pyramidal roofed spire. Large round arched window openings filled with colored glass transom lights and paired single-pane sash are found within recessed bays to each side. In more recent years this building was joined to the old First National Bank that stands directly south by a hyphen.

During the years following the destructive August 1895 town fire, buildings were erected at this main intersection as indicated by the 1897 Sanborn Insurance map for Berlin. However, five years later the Democratic Messenger announced in a short article printed on March 15, 1902 that,

Work has commenced on the rebuilding of the Exchange and Savings Bank and it will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Mr. Slemmons, the contractor, says he can complete the work in thirty good working days. This was one of the prettiest banks on the shore before the recent fire, and will be rebuilt in the same manner and afer the same style of architectural beauty.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Excitange pro Savings Bank
MHT Inventory Number: W0-84
MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:
1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECMAE, COMMENCE
2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Strone
3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s): 1876-1930 URBAN-/NOUSTRUA DOMINANCE
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Survey No. W0-84

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7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Peninsula Bank, formerly the Exchange and Savings Bank, stands at 1 South Main Street at the intersection of South Main and Bay streets in the center of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story brick bank is oriented to face the corner and a northwesterly direction, and the ridge of the modified hip roof is on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built in 1899, the single-story, stretcher and common bond brick structure was joined to the immediate building directly south, the old First National Bank, in later years. Both structures were planned with corner entrances and slate roofs.

The northern (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a modern double-door entrance that is fitted with granite steps and a rusticated granite lintel. Originally, the front door was topped by a colored glass transom light. Rising above the front door is a pyramidal roofed spire, sheathed in slate and topped by a metal finial.

The adjacent bays are recessed slightly and accented with a rusticated granite stringcourse. The South Main Street elevation is marked by a large window opening filled with paired single-pane sash windows and surmounted by a colored glass transom window accented with a raised brick course. The window sill is rusticated granite as well. Covering the window is a metal grill, and finishing the base of the roof is a modest bracketed cornice.

The northern Bay Street elevation is filled with two large arched window openings in each recessed bay, and a small gable roof interrupts the cornice line. The paired single-pane sash are identical to the west window with colored glass above with single-pane sash. Granite sills and a granite stringcourse remain consistent as does the small bracketed cornice.

The rear wall, to which a drive-in window has been added, is laid in seven-course common bond with an arched window opening north of the drive through. A metal grill covers this window too.

The interior has been remodeled with a dropped acoustical tile ceiling and modern sheet paneling.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Peninsula Bank of Berlin, built in 1899 as the Exchange and Savings Bank, is one of a small collection of similar turn of the century banks erected in Berlin, Snow Hill and a few other Worcester County villages. Oriented to face the principal intersection of South Main and Bay streets, Peninsula bank is distinguished by a pyramidal roofed spire, a rusticated granite stringcourse and window sills, a slate roof and round arched colored glass windows over the north and west windows. Despite the well preserved exterior surfaces the interior has been remodeled with the addition of a dropped acoustical tile ceiling and sheet paneling over the plaster walls. The building that stands directly south, the former First National Bank, was joined to the corner building with a hyphen.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Building Name: Exchange & Savings Bank Public/Private Access

Description:

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Primary alterations to the building include the replacement of the original sash windows with fixed panes with blue opaque transoms and joining the building to the other bank building. Presently the building is in an excellent state of repair.

The north building of the bank is a rectangular 1 1/2 story red brick in stretcher composition with rock faced gray granite string course, sills and lintels. The building originally served as a drug store and has its main entrance in a pyramidal roofed rectilinear bay glass lunettes are the principal means of natural lighting. Pilasters articulate the facades into bays and with the water table provide a panelled appearance for the entire building. A small gable over the central bay of the north wall pierces through the eaves of the hipped roof.

Stamped sheet metal ornament similar to that on the Calvin B. Taylor Bank is present on the building. A continuous modillion cornice, ridge ornament, and finials are the decorative elements of the building.

Alterations to this building include the construction of a lateral addition to join it to the south building that on the Bay St. facade functions as a drive-in teller window. The stained glass lunette of the Main St. window and all original 1/1 sash have been replaced. The building is presently in excellent condition.

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1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE			
_1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN			
_1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER			
_1800-1899	COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION			
_1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Exchange and Savings Bank buildings are significant to the Berlin Commercial District because of their pivotal role and unique design. As pivotal structures they constitute a focal point, a point of reference or orientation within the district. When considered with the Paran Lidge across the street they frame a view or streetscape of Main Street whether looking north along N. Main. Street or south from N. Main. Their scale and construction materials also contribute to cohesiveness of the district.

Considered individually, the buildings are significant in Berlin because of their unique architectural design. Derivations of the Richardsonian Romanesque and Queen Anne styles, they represent two of four examples of buildings deviating from the commercial style of architecture in Berlin. Similarities exist between the north building and the Calvin B. Taylor Bank and suggest perhaps the hand of the same designer.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Site 84 on syrvey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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August 1979

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ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN Berlin

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1. STATE Maryland Worcester COUNTY Berlin STREET NO. Main Street

VICINITY

ORIGINAL OWNER

Bank

ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER Exchange & Savings Bank ARCHITECT

Bank

WALL CONSTRUCTION brick

NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY

2. NAME Exchange & Savings Bank

1899 DATE OR PERIOD

STYLE

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

Exchange and Savings Bank, Berlin, was built in 1899 in an ecclectic style then prevalent in small town banks. It is a small one-story brick building built on a corner of two streets and having its entrance on the corner of the building. The smooth brick walls are laid in all stretcher bond with very narrow mortar joint. The present entrance has a modern all-glass double door with a blue glass panel above (in place of transom) with the name of the bank. This opening is supported by a granite lintel and above that is an open pediment. Atop the pediment which is a projection from the fifth side of the hipped roof, is a small pyramidal tower with finial.

The side facing Main Street has one opening set between pilaster strips, with a double window having a semicircular

[continued on reverse]

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO

Interior

Exterior GOOD



PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

7. PHOTOGRAPH

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne

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DATE OF RECORD August 1969

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stain-glass fanlight above, and a decorative brick arch.

There are bars over the windows and at the impost level a granite band extends around the building. The east side has two windows set in panels, flanking a narrow inset panel with pediment. The cornice has simple modillion blocks and the ridge of the roof has a decorative tin capping.

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VICINITY

TOWN Berlin STREET NO. Main Street

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY WO-84B

2. NAME Exchange & Savings Bank

DATE OR PERIOD 1899

ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

West of the main building (84A) is another similar structure with round tower containing the entrance. Glazed light brown brick is used for its walls, which are laid in all stretcher bond. The roof of the tower is conical and sheathed with slate. Beneath the roof is a cornice consisting of tin panels with garlands in relief. There is one large window with semicircular arch, flanked by brick pilasters.

A great assortment of architectural and decorative motifs are used in the cornice and pediment located above the semicircular window. They include garlands, modillion blocks, egg & dart molding and simpler crown moldings, etc. This building also has a decorative tin ridge cap on the slate roof.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

- Interior

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

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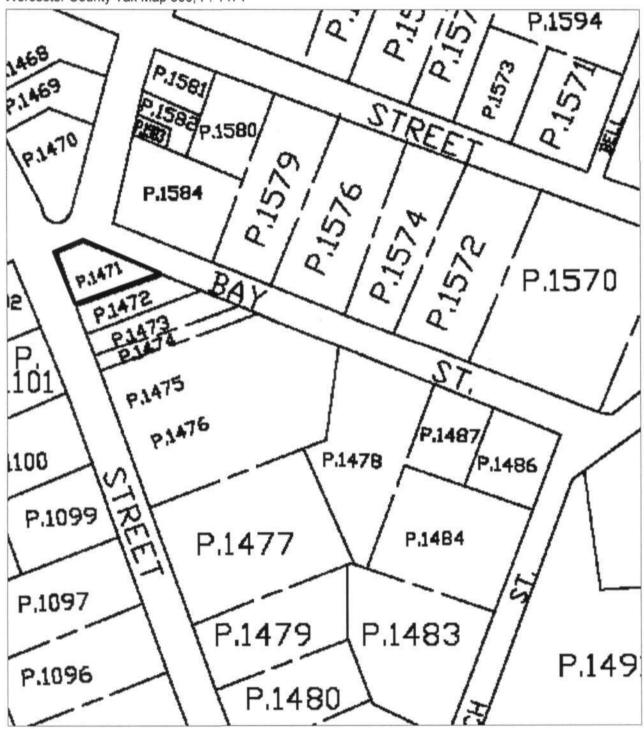


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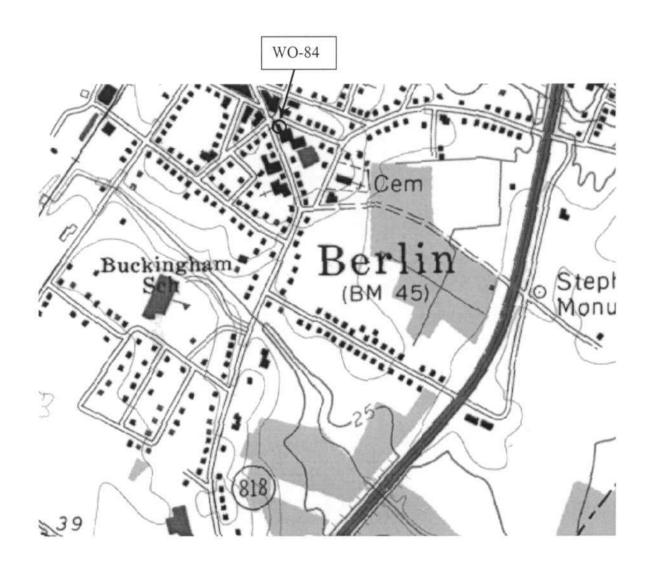
Exchange and Savings Bank (two buildings) Building

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1 S. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin
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